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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CSA REQUEST FOR THIRD FREQUENCY

1. MAKING REFERENCE TO PARA 4 OF THE MAY 24, 1972 PROTOCOL, CZECHS SENT NOTE TO DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 2 REQUESTING THIRD FREQUENCY FOR CSA STARTING JUNE 15. IN NOTE DATED APRIL 12, DEPARTMENT INFORMED CZECH EMBASSY THAT " THE REQUEST WAS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE USG," BUT IT HAD TO BE DENIED. OUR NOTE DID NOT DETAIL REASONS FOR TURNDOWN.

2. FYI: BASIC REASON FOR DISAPPROVING CSA THIRD FREQUENCY IS THAT THE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO PAN AM HAVE NOT IMPROVED IN THE PAST YEAR, IN GOOD PART SINCE IT APPEARS THAT CSA AND CZECHOSLOVAK GOVT HAVE NOT MADE ANY MEANINGFUL EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION. IN ADDITION, PAN AM PLANS TO OPERATE A SECOND FREQUENCY TO PRAGUE THIS SUMMER. PERMITTING A THIRD CSA FREQUENCY AS WELL TO COMPETE FOR THE LIMITED PRIMARY TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF PAN AMERICAN'S ATTEMPT TO DERIVE AN INCREASING SHARE OF

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THE HIGHLY IMBALANCED ECONOMIC BENEFITS UNDER THE BILATERAL
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